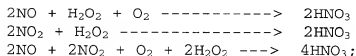


CONVERSION OF LOW NO<sub>x</sub> CONCENTRATIONS IN COMBUSTION GASES  
TO NITRIC ACID OR FERTILIZER USING HYDROGEN PEROXIDE AND  
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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process for reducing NO<sub>x</sub> emissions in a gaseous combustion effluent stream containing NO and/or NO<sub>2</sub> includes the steps of: a) adding hydrogen peroxide to the effluent stream in sufficient amounts to generate nitric acid by first stage reactions as follows:



and optionally, after the nitric acid is generated, adding sufficient amounts of potassium hydroxide to the effluent stream to generate potassium nitrate in second stage reactions as follows:

